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SPECIFICATION:

45 The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The examiner cites 37 CFR 1.75 (d) (1) and MPEP 608.01 (c).

50 The examiner noted for example, "anterior pretibia shell," "an upper tibia portion," front and back portion," "lower ankle forefoot portion," top and bottom" (Claim 1), "upper flanges (Claim 2), "lower flanges (Claim 3), "external flanges," (Claim 8). The examiner further states that the applicant is advised to review the entire specification and provide proper antecedent basis for every term used in the 55 claims.

60 Responsive to the examiner's objection, the applicant has reviewed and corrected the entire specification to provide the proper antecedent basis for every term used in the claims. Claims 1, 2, and 3 have been amended to include the proper antecedent basis in the specification to comply with the examiner's objection.

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